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NEWMAN CLUB GIVES PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT

Under the Direction of Father Maurice Ehleringer, C. PP. S., the Newman Club Gave Its First Public Program on Night of December 8.

The first public entertainment rendered by the Newman Literary society this year proved in every way a complete success. Unlike the senior literary society the members of the Newman club have not had the advantage of an elocutionary training, and yet for amateurs their stage work was surprisingly good. There was not a hitch in the whole affair. Several well chosen and well arranged selections were admirably given and drew heavy applause from the house. A farce, in one act, entitled "The Lincoln League" was the closing number of the program. In itself, the farce did not amount to much, as the plot, if I may call it so, was very weak indeed, but by the manner in which they acted and also by the way in which they ended the play, namely, in singing a good old darky melody, entitled "The Chicken Pie," the participants caused the audience to forget what had gone before and dismissed them with broad grins on their faces and a song in their hearts. Pleasing music was rendered by the Newman club orchestra. We hope soon to enjoy another such program and, like all who saw it, extend a hand of encouragement and appreciation to the Newman club. J. H. S.

MUSICALE

The students of the music department rendered a delightful program last evening. All the participants did remarkably well and showed by their renditions that the labor of their professors had not been in vain. A. J. T.

PETE'S LETTER

Dear Santa:

In order that you may not forget me on your annual tour next Christmas eve I will write you a few lines as a reminder.

I am a nice little boy. Irish, too! I am going to college and I behave myself very good, because I have to. Only once this year I became so noisy in the study hall that Paul Barret got up and betook himself under Bro. Williams' protection in the lower study hall. This I know you will excuse as you like a little fun once in a while yourself.

You are a good old fellow. Santa, therefore please leave me the following articles: A hand-ball because basket-ball is too rough for me; a tricycle to run errands for the candy store; an

iron gavel to conduct the meetings of the smoking club, and a carton of Turkish cigarettes. Yes, that will be all.

Thank you very much, Santa, for I know you will do as I ask.

Your little friend,

PETER FOGARTY.

P. S.—Please bring a baby carriage for my candy partner, Leo T. Beck.

LITTLE PETEY.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Christmas bells, ring out your cheer;
Ring and sing—the day is near,
"Day of days" shall soon be here!
Gently, sweetly
Soon they greet thee,
Bidding all men of good will to rejoice!

Little snow-birds cease their singing,
For much sweeter songs are ringing
And from blessed portals bringing
Words of love
From above;
Fill the white world with their musical voice.

Raise your hearts and fill the earth
With sweet melodies. No dearth
Lay upon the gentle mirth.
Joys sublimest.
Joys the finest.
Reign in this land of heaven's choice!

Yuletide greetings, true, sincere,
Sing and chime in every ear,
"Day of days" shall soon be here.
May that day
Ever stay
One of pure pleasures, one of bright joys!
—A. E. S.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Hark, the herald angels sing,
College Cheer is just the thing—
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
Pay for it now, don't wait a while.
—J. H. S.

REJOICE!

The Cheer staff would appreciate it very much were those of its subscribers who have not paid their subscription fee to do so before the holidays.

Christmas vacation will commence on December 21 at 9:30 a. m. and will last until January 4.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

LOCAL BASKET-BALL SQUAD TO PLAY FIRST GAME OF SEASON TONIGHT

Tonight the S. J. C. basket-ball team will meet the Y. M. P. C. quintet of Lafayette, Indiana, on the home floor and fight their first battle of the season. Nothing less than a glorious victory is expected by the local fans; however, it will mean hard playing for the Lafayette boys will not accept defeat without a mighty struggle. Like the rest of the fans we want to see St. Joe start the season rightly by sending the visitors home hopelessly outclassed. Let's do it. J. H. S.

SMOKING CLUB NOTES

The Smoking club met December 13 to elect new officers. The following men were chosen: President, Paul Fogarty; vice-president, William Deutsch; secretary, Francis Hermiller; marshal, James Stewart. We wish these men a successful administration and trust that they will be able to get out of the office in as praiseworthy a manner as the men whose places they have taken. Members of the club were surprised to receive three treats in the last few days. The first was a cigar each from a friend, next came a package of Prince Albert tobacco, and a third surprise was given by Father Pius Kanny on his birthday, who presented the club members a handsome smoke. J. H. S.

FOOTBALL

The football team met Friday evening, December 15, to elect a manager and a captain for next year. Mr. Tremel was unanimously chosen manager and Mr. Hunt was in a like manner elected captain.

The following football men are titled to monograms: McLaughlin, Wellman, Schmidt, Schaffer, Antl, O'Brien, Vonderhaar, Vonderhaegen, Tremel, Hunt, Hermiller and McCormick.

J. P. B.

BASKET-BALL COACH ENGAGED

Mr. Meyers of Rensselaer, Indiana, has been engaged again this year to act as varsity basket-ball coach for the local team. Mr. Meyers, as will be remembered, coached last year's squad with remarkable success, so St. Joe has good reasons for looking forward to an excellent season. J. H. S.

BASEBALL MANAGER TO BE ELECTED

At the first meeting of the A. A. after the Christmas holidays a baseball manager for the coming season will be elected.

NOTICE

The official average of the varsity and different league teams will appear in The Cheer at stated times.

BASKET-BALL

Although the varsity try-out games have kept the general managers very busy, they have found

time to arrange the different league teams and to appoint the managers for the coming season. The senior league will not open until after the Christmas vacation, this being due to the difficulty the senior class had in putting out a team.

The Junior league opened last Wednesday with a game between the Greyhounds and the Olympics. The former team outclassed their opponents in every department of the game and won by the score of 16-5.

NEWS ITEM

A snare drum was recently purchased by the Director of the Turner Hall, to be used in the various exercises.

LEAGUE MANAGERS FOR SEASON '16-'17

The following is a list of the managers of the different league teams:

Senior League

Senior..... Jas. Stewart
IV. Latin..... Wm. Wigmore
III. Latin..... Wm. Murphy
III. Commercial..... D. Curby

Junior League

Olympics..... Jas. Larkins
Eagles..... Louis Dawson
Vikings..... Paul Rose
Greyhounds..... Leo Pursley

Minum League

Little Giants..... Jas. La Mere
Twilights..... Oscar Burell
Wrens..... Jno. Carlin

Notes taken from an issue of The Cheer dated December 18, 1915:

"Joe Wonderly says:

"You can lead a horse to water,

"But you cannot make him drink;

"You can ride a Virgil pony,

"But you cannot made it think!"

"Just one short week from today, boys,

"And you'll be leaving here.

"The time will pass right swiftly,

"For Christmas is quite near.

"So go and have your fun, boys—

"That you will we do not fear—

"And here's to you all, boys,

"Best wishes from The Cheer.

—"OTTO KELLER."

In referring to a ladies' meeting, a certain paper says: "Mrs. T. J. Miller read an article on 'Personal Devils,' seventeen were present." This club should evidently invite Billy Sunday to give them a sermon on reforming.

The Girl from Onion farm says: "The lass who spends an hour applying the brick paint to the lips has something to worry about when the pigs' feet are served."

The trouble with some students is that they seem to think they are entitled to a month's vacation every time they work an hour.

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EDITORIALS.**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

In keeping with that good old custom, namely that of wishing one's friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, The Cheer staff herewith extends to its professors and fellow students all best wishes of the season. It is their desire that on Christmas day all possible joys and blessings will be bestowed on all their readers, and that the new year will be productive only of happiness, peace and success; free from sorrow, misfortune and worry. Again, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. EDITOR.

AN APPRECIATION

The editor of The Cheer wishes to thank the South Side students, and principally Mr. Scheiner, for the many excellent and cheery articles they have contributed to The Cheer, and hopes that they will continue to furnish him with the St. Xavier news for the remaining part of the school year. EDITOR.

CORRECTION

By our mistake the name of John Bruin, acting as Austin Beaufort in the comedy, "Royal Fetters," recently given by the Columbian Literary society, was admitted. EDITOR.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

The office of the editor of The Cheer was in an uproar. The Christmas edition was about to go to press, and as yet not a single Christmas story could be found among the contributions. What was to be done? To publish the paper without a good Yuletide tale would bring adverse criticism and stinging ridicule upon the head of its editor. So for the twenty-fifth time the copy on hand was searched diligently for an appropriate article, but to no avail.

Finally the office boy was commissioned to request Mr. Beck and Mr. Fogarty to call around. They did so, and before these gentlemen Mr. Stewart laid the facts of the case, requesting their aid in his serious dilemma. Having racked their brains futilely for some plausible way out of their friend's predicament, their countenances gradually took on that awful haggard look which Mr. Stewart wore when they had entered. How could the problem be solved?

"Could Barrett not write it?"

"No, he is playing handball."

"Gregory Miller?"

"No, for he believes in Santa Claus, which would make his story too prosaic and child-like."

"Well, what about Deutsch?"

"Nothing doing there either, for poor Willie is still busy trying to cure his ankle before vacation commences."

"Can't you think of anything at all?" cried the despairing editor.

It seemed not, and they were about to quit the gloomy office when suddenly Mr. Beck threw up both arms and fell heavily to the floor. Had he fainted? Had the strain been too great for him? But wait, he is picking himself up again. He seems weak and an awed light gleams from his wide-staring eyes.

"Speak!" cries the frightened Fogarty; "what struck you?"

"An—an—a—idea!" gasps Beck, "and not being used to such things, I couldn't stand it."

After Mr. Fogarty and the editor had come out of their faint, Mr. Beck proceeded to explain his idea.

He said, "Why not let Fogarty and myself write you a story? We'll be glad to do it, old man."

"Fine! Excellent! Hurry! Bring it back to me in half an hour," exclaimed the delighted and relieved editor.

"So," he thought, as they went out, "my troubles are at an end and I can rest easy, feeling assured of a jolly good story for my Christmas issue!"

But who is this? Why have they returned so soon? Surely they could not have written an article in so short a time!

"What is it? Tell me!"

"Alas," sighs Mr. Beck, "on reaching the study hall we found John Antony tearing wildly at his hair and endeavoring to write a poem."

"Avaunt, villians," cries he, "the muse of inspiration is mine and you cannot have next on her until tomorrow morning."

"Good night!" exclaimed the twice-beaten editor, "all is lost," and he passed into the arms of compassionate oblivion.

Then, The Cheer went to the press minus a Christmas story. J. H. S.

TRY THIS ON YOUR PIANO

It was a cold December night, the snow was falling thick and fast and the wind was so sharp that it cut to the very marrow. A terrible night to have to go into, and I am sure were it not urgent no one would dare to leave the heated room. However, as we looked out into dismal night through the window we saw two crouched individuals wending their way down the walk, pushed first to this side and then to that by the raging wind and blinding snow. Suddenly at a certain tree they stopped. One was feeling through his pockets as if looking for something. The other was doing likewise. We watched closer to see what was up.

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FOR IDLE MOMENTS

The more a man thinks, the more he will be thought of.

A coat of arms is no good for concealing defects in your character.

WATCH YOUR STEP—when putting your best foot forward.

The man who only stands and waits can always be found waiting at the same old stand.

Whosoever brings sunshine into the life of others, has sunshine in his own.

HEARD IN THE STUDY HALL

Fogarty—"I'll show you I've got some drawing ability also."

Antony—"What at, drawing your breath?"

Kuhn—"Har, har, har, har!"

Prefect—"Kuhn, call for a blue book tomorrow."

Kuhn—"Now look at what you went and done, Antony, it's a wonder you wouldn't quit joking for a while."

Vonder Haegen (in debate)—"Machinery tends toward the betterment of human mankind."

A man who knows his possibilities is better than he who knows his limitations.

Some men are hard drinkers, but others find it easy.

You can teach a parrot to say "Safety First," but he won't know what it means. Do you?

HINTS FOR SANTA CLAUS

If Santa Claus could only know what each one wants, as we know them, I think that he would bring a lot of articles which would please everyone. For instance, Deutsch wants some cat-gut and ivory; Kuhn, Scientia Graecia; Antony, paint; Barrett, study time; Fogarty, free time; Goeckeler, periscope; Beck, more business; Weger, a rag doll; Gregory Miller, playthings; Lause, basket-ball; Kuntz, good health; Schmidt, Math. credit; McLaughlin, more sleep; Vonder Haegen, more chemistry; Bun Manley, deck of cards; Hildebrant, a Monon; Hermiller, a Republican President; Hunt, love story; Striff, common sense; Koenig, a pool cue; Antl, a place on the Reps; Wigmore, a joke book; H. Schaffer, more talking gas; Dalton, a pair of boxing gloves; Flynn, a pool table.

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The dormitory's light,
Now Brother William rings the bell;
We roll out at his sight.

We hurry down stairs, wash and comb,
Prim up from head to foot;
At six o'clock we go to church
All along our daily route.

In half an hour Mass is heard
We to our studies go.
At seven bells the breakfast food
Makes all our stomachs grow.

Then after breakfast out we go
To take a little smoke;
We just no more than light our pipes
Then up to classes poke.

We study hard till half past nine,
When recess time begins.
The fifteen minutes soon are up
And we get on our pins.

We go to classes till the bell
At twelve o'clock sends out
Its call to dinner, and we go
To eat some sauer-kraut.

Our dinner done, till two we spend
Our time with tennis ball;
But all at once the time is up,
We heed the Brother's call.

We study then till half-past three,
And then our ball games play,
Till five o'clock; then we're not free,
In the study hall we stay.

At six o'clock we gladly hear
The bell for supper toll,
So down the corridor we steer
To empty the spuds bowl.

When all are done, the bell is rung,
And we are free awhile;
At seven we to chapel go,
Our hearts to reconcile.

Then after saying evening prayers,
We deep in studies sit;
But all at once it's half past eight
Our sleepy eyes have flit.

We all await the slumber bell,
Which rings at ten to nine,
And then we hit our cozy bed
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"THE BEST"

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A ray of light was next seen and then another. What were they doing? Again and again they try but it seemed to be in vain. Giving it up as a bad job the two persons were seen to turn on their heels and hasten for the nearby building. Who are they?

Only two Juniors trying to sneak a "hale."

TRY SMILING

When the weather suits you not, try smiling.

When your coffee isn't hot, try smiling.

When your neighbors don't do right,

Or your relatives all fight,

Sure, it's hard, but then you might—try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course, just smiling. But it cannot make them worse, just smiling.

And it seems to help your case,

Brighten up a gloomy place,

Then it sort of rests your face, just smiling.

FILMDOM

The faculty and students of St. Joseph college were delightfully entertained on Wednesday evening, December 13, by a moving picture show. It represented James W. Riley relating the history of Indiana to the children who nestled about his knee. From the time the first white man, namely LaSalle, put his foot on Indiana soil down to the present day was shown in a realistic manner.

The most interesting incidents of the picture were the life of Lincoln from the seventh year of his age until he became President, and also the founding of Vincennes, the oldest city west of Philadelphia. This city was at first the capital of Indiana, which was later moved to Indianapolis.

This was a very timely picture as most of us had not known the history of Indiana, the state in which we reside ten months out of the year. This sort of a picture is highly appreciated by the students and it is hoped that in the future all the pictures will be as interesting.

A. J. T.

THOUGHTS OF HOME

'Twas the night before Christmas,

And all through St. Joe

Not a creature was stirring,

Not even Bob Noe.

They all took the train

To their home town so dear,

To their homes they were bringing

Abundance of good cheer.

Now all was so quiet

That no one could tell

That Bun ever snored,

When bing! went the bell!

—A. J. T.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The students wish to extend to the Rev. Prefect their heartfelt thanks for his kind remembrance of them on his name's day. We wish also to thank him and our Brother Prefect, however inadequate our thanks may be, for the many favors they have bestowed upon us during the past months. We appreciate them and shall be grateful. That your future labors be crowned with success and that the following season be one of unalloyed delights is the sincere wish of the inmates of the St. Xavier's Hall.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Like the patriarchs of old, the "fellows" are yearning for the Christmas holidays. There is an indefinable something about Christmas; an atmosphere of suppressed happiness that cries to reveal itself. With the advent of this great festival there is a general brightening of countenance, more smiling than is the wont, and a general quickening of the pulse. The last statement may account for the fact that at this season an invariably smaller number, than is usually the case, trust themselves to Brother Victor's care. But this is a digression. Sorry to say, at this time there is a sneaking inclination to put off just a few things to be studied up during the holidays. And who would say, five minutes before delivering the ghost, that he has really studied during the Christmas vacation?

We wish to extend to all who have taken the trouble to glance into our little corner, not excluding all others who have been deprived of that inestimable benefit, the richest and choicest blessings and joys of the season. May every day of your lives be for you a Christmas eve! We wish also to thank those who have so generously contributed their time and talents in furthering the brighter side of college life; have aided in making The Cheer, in some degree at least, a success.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The sleigh-bells are ringing and singing,
The silver bells singing and ringing,
Flood the mellifluous air.
Oh, how their musical jingle
Breaks through the frosty air!

The reindeer flash by in the night-time
With the song of a thousand chime;
Led by the Moon's bright hand,
Fraught with their joyous burden
Fly through our happy land.

Join in with the gay and merry;
All thoughts of your sorrows bury,
All be jolly and gay!
Let all your voices
Proclaim our Christmas day!

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SOCIETY NOTES

HOLY NAME NOTES

A short meeting of the officers and consultants of the Holy Name society was called on December 9. Together with the spiritual director, Father Simon Kuhnmuensch, the interests of the society were considered and suggestions offered. The general Communion day, December 10, was observed by all the members. P. B.

C. L. S. NOTES

The Columbian Literary society gave a very interesting private program on Sunday evening, December 17. The most instructive numbers on the program were the debate between H. Friedel and J. Hoeff and the essay by Leo Vogt. After the program a meeting took place and the regular parliamentary law quiz by Mr. E. P. Honan. The election of officers will take place at the first meeting of the new year. A. J. T.

NEWMAN CLUB NOTES

A short private program was held Sunday forenoon by the Newman club to give those who had not appeared in previous programs an opportunity. The meeting followed immediately, during which the election of officers took place.

A. J. T.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES

The Altar society held a meeting on Sunday, December 10. An interesting talk was given by the Rev. Moderator on the manner in which Christmas vacation should be spent, and an explanation of what Christmas should really mean to us. New officers for the society will be elected shortly after holidays. J. H. S.

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At present preparations on a large scale are being made in the great world in anticipation of the coming holidays. The market section of our cities is one surging throng of eager buyers and equally anxious sellers; the merchant has trimmed his display windows with the season's most attractive colors, to entice the passers-by to come in and make their selections; behind the counter stands the smiling clerk, at no other time so obliging and diligent to satisfy the tastes of his customers; messenger boys, carrying invitations from friend to friend, are hurrying on their way; children are running errands—in a word, life in every station is one continuous hum of excitement.

With such activities displayed on every side, is it possible that Collegeville folk are merely eking out a dull form of existence? On the contrary, the Christmas spirit, taking flight, has spread her wings over the full extent of our little town, charming every one by the wholesome influence of her presence. All have caught the tone of the season, for it is the time when each one is happy because all around him share the same feelings. First the days, then the hours, intervening before the longed-for vacation arrives were estimated; now the minutes and even the seconds are calculated and posted upon every conceivable non-official bulletin board.

But not every one will return home. Distance prevents some from enjoying this privilege, while others may prefer to remain at St. Joseph for they know that an equally good time awaits them here. Perhaps those who leave may (for it is the Christmas season) heave a sigh of sympathy for the unfavored few, and smile a smile of pity for those who would remain; but whoever has spent one Christmas at Collegeville cannot but number it among his most delightful experiences. And if this be his second choice, he will not hesitate long which way to choose. Here it is Christmas celebrated in keeping with the solemnity of the feast, with all the accompanying joys, privileges and good times added as well. By S. L., St. X.

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